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THE NEGRO'S TALENT

AMPLY SUSTAINED BY MR. JOHN A. JONES, OF COLUMBUS, O.

STAR IN "HOYT'S BOGUS PRINCE"

The Subject of our Sketch is an Elocutionist of Great Ability, and has Risen, by his Own Efforts, from Obscurity to a Place of Eminence.

Columbus, Ohio, Special.—It is generally supposed that the Negro has no historic talent beyond his great fun making and vocal possibilities. It is because, likely, that there is no market for the Negro in legitimate drama that he has not shown with becoming affluence in this higher walk of the drama. It cannot be said, indeed, that no Negro has trod these higher and lofty paths. The career of Ira Aldridge has proven that the Negro is capable of handling the dramatic art. The name of Ira Aldridge, the one time African Roscius, is known now only to students of dramatic history, and yet less than half a century ago he was one of the tragic actors of England. Another American Negro rises to take the place of Mr. Aldridge in the person of Mr. John A. Jones of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Jones was born in Fincastle, Va. His schooling, in his early years, was of short duration owing to circumstances of which he had no control. He was forced to leave school at an early age and hustle for himself. In knocking around the world Mr. Jones soon found out that to be successful he must obtain an education, and after a hard struggle and many ups and downs he succeeded in reaching the height of his ambition, and to-day he is one of Columbus's young business men, and to see his teams and carriages going to and fro through the city, one would say he is the coming business colored man of the city. He is an elocutionist of great power and ability, and is leading man in the Harris Dramatic Co., the strongest organization of its kind in the State. Mr. Harris is the author of "Hoyt's Bogus Prince," a four act tradgedy, of which Mr. Jones takes the leading role. He has all the elements of success. He possesses a splendid physique, a very Hercules in stature, modest, unassuming, not at all stagey and genial. He is good looking and clever, and the possessor of as fine a voice as was ever heard—perhaps not quite as finished as Booth or Barrett's, but equally as strong and powerful. There is much in "Hoyt's Bogus Prince" that commands admiration and commend it to the judgment of persons who hold that the theatre should be a part, at least, representative of the intellectual, the refining, the elevating and inspiring. It is good literature, but underlying this literary expertness are other things that make, for excellence in Mr. Harris' work; it has a vein of tenderness and manly sentiment that appeals to the best and gentlest traits. It is an exquisitely drawn picture of manners, and the adroit handling of character and incident is an exhibition of finest workmanship; the humor is of good quality and its wit is scintillant, and the author has shown good judgment in selecting an artist of Mr. Jones' ability to present this, his master piece.

Graduating Exercises Held.

Brunswick, Mo., Special. — Mrs. Belle Johnson, of Omaha, Neb., is spending a few weeks with her father, Alfred Bruce. The public school closed on the 2d and on the 5th the graduating exercises were held at the Opera house. Although the weather was very disagreeable, the exercises were largely attended. There were several persons present from neighboring towns. There were five graduates, all young ladies, and their essays were all good and well rendered. Prof. W. S. Drall, principal of the white school, delivered an interesting and instructive address and presented the diplomas to the graduating class. Prof. Payne, of the colored schools, is a good instructor, and is giving satisfaction to the board and to the patrons of the school.

Pastor Tendered a Reception.

Anniston, Ala., Special.—The reception given by the officers and members of Mt. Zion Baptist church, on the 6th inst., in honor of the newly elected pastor, Rev. G. W. D. Gaines, of Little Rock, Ark., was a great success. The seating capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost and standing room was at a premium. At 8 p. m. the choir of the Anniston Normal and Industrial College rendered some of their sweetest music, under the direction of Miss Lula D. Gray, principal of the Musical department of the college, who gracefully presided at the organ. A solo was rendered by Howard Black which was greeted with applause. The welcome address in behalf of the church, was made by J. B. Rivers; on behalf of the city schools, by Prof. S. E. Moses, and on behalf of the college by Rev. A. A. Battle, Rev. M. S. Phinny, Rev. J. W. Carter and others made short speeches, after which the Rev. G. W. D. Gaines was called upon to respond, and in a few well chosen words, the reverend accepted the honor tendered him. It was evident that he is a deep theologian and a polished scholar. At the conclusion of his remarks everyone was invited to the basement where ice cream, sherbet, fruits and other refreshments were served in abundance. The festivities lasted until the small hours when the assemblage departed for their respective abodes.

Boiled Brevities.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The B. Y. P. U. of Tabernacle church, is doing a good work. The efficient officers are: Misses Sarah Saunders, president; Ethel Jones, vice-president; Mrs. Macklin, secretary; Johnnie Jones, librarian. Meetings are held every Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. The newly furnished Climax cafe, 76 Main street, always have on hand the delicacies of the season. David B. Boyd, of St. Louis, is in the city. A. B. Springer, of Okalona, Miss., is in the city. Mrs. C. L. Tyson, 972 Union avenue, is convalescent. Mrs. Richard Simes, 954 Union avenue, died on the 26th ult., after an illness of several months. The funeral was held at Avery Chapel. Mrs. Mary Washington will visit her old homestead in Arkadelphia, Ark., during the summer. Thomas Marshall has received word of the death of his sister. Rev. Whitlow, of St. Maria Baptist church, is preparing to build a new temple of worship.

Short, Spicy Snapshots.

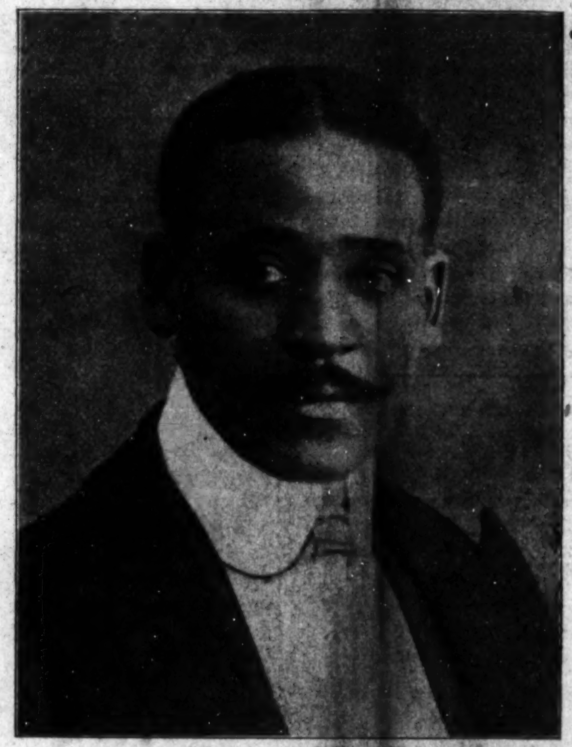
Durham, N. C., Special.—St. Joseph Sunday school has a very large attendance and is in a prosperous condition under the superintendency of Prof. W. G. Pierson. Miss Laura MacAdoo was introduced to the school last Sunday and delivered an excellent talk. Prof. W. G. Pierson made a fine talk before the Mite Missionary society at its last meeting. The Odd Fellows gave a swell banquet on the 5th, which was quite enjoyable. They had their annual sermon preached on the 11th at St. Joseph church. Mrs. D. T. Watson has returned home after an extended visit in Danville, Va. Miss Annie Weaver was called out of town on account of the illness of her brother. Rev. Shepherd, of White Rock, preached a fine sermon at St. Joseph church last Sunday night to a large audience. Those wishing The Freeman should call at Wright's barber shop, B. F. Stephens, agent.

Grand Tabernacle Opening.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Bishop H. M. Turner's Tabernacle was opened here on the 5th inst., to a large audience. A most excellent literary program was carried out. Short addresses were made by prominent ministers and professional men of the race. Joseph Thomas, a very efficient mail carrier here for several years, died suddenly at his home from apoplexy on the 7th. The Odd Fellows of the city had their annual Thanksgiving sermon preached at Bethel A. M. E. church on the 4th inst. The Rev. C. W. Newton delivered a very fine sermon to the delight of his hearers. The Y. M. C. A. is meeting with much success in their efforts, and much good has been accomplished. Their object is to save the young men of the race and make useful citizens of them. The people are looking forward to the college and school commencements, which take place during the month of June. Whitman sisters gave a three nights performance last week for the benefit of the Atlanta Free Kindergarten. Quite a neat sum was realized by the ladies in charge.

Grand Musical Recital.

Los Angeles, Cal., Special.—Miss Viola Spikes, graduate of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., gave a musical recital at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, on Broadway, the 5th inst., under the auspices of Tabernacle Baptist church. Miss Spikes is known to be one of the most noted musicians of the coast. Mrs. Julia Roan, the well known singer, sang some of her favorite selections. Mrs. Roan responded four times to encores, yet the audience was not satisfied. T. F. Taylor rendered several piano selections. Miss Spikes will give instructions in music at reasonable rates. C. C. Flint contemplates selling his grocery on E. Second street. Capt. G. W. Hawkins has bought back the second hand furniture store. Mr. Hawkins is an industrious business man of large capital. The Freeman can be purchased from F. D. Thomas, 242 E. Second street, every Saturday.



JOHN A. JONES.
OF COLUMBUS, OHIO.

The Gay Society Whirl.

Peoria, Ill., Special.—On Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., at 6 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gibbons entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Dyer. An excellent sermon was preached at the Ward's A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon in behalf of the Knights of Pythias, by Rev. J. M. Wilkerson. In spite of the inclement weather the attendance was large. Maceo Lodge No. 10 is still increasing, so that the men who are not members should hasten to join them. The Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth had their annual Thanksgiving sermon preached at the A. M. E. church on Sunday, the 11th inst., the Rev. Wilkerson delivering the discourse. Charles Mason, who is in Colorado Springs, Col., for his health, is slowly recovering. Miss Marie Cornely, who has been visiting in Galesburg, reports a very pleasant trip. Misses Mattie Mason and Eva Green will graduate from the Galesburg high school this year. Miss Adessa Hayden will graduate from the Peoria high school in June. Miss Nellie Watson and two or three of her friends from St. Louis, are in the city. Miss Watson is book keeper at Russell's grocery. Her home is in this city. Mrs. Dollie Harris was called to the bedside of her father in Onio last week. Charles Ford is improving. Mrs. Clara McNeal is recovering from rheumatism. Rev. Hart, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church, will deliver his farewell sermon on the 25th inst. Mrs. Mattie Pierce is suffering from rheumatism.

An Enjoyable Club Meeting.

Des Moines, Ia., Special.—The "Just a Few" club met at 14 Tremont street and enjoyed a delightful time. Refreshments were served in abundance. The music was grand. The club will meet again on Tuesday night. The Freeman is for sale by Isaac Toulbert, 411 Walnut street, every Saturday.

Interesting Church Notes.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Special.—Bishop M. B. Salter spent last week in the city as the guest of Dr. J. T. S. White, his private secretary. The Bishop preached an able and eloquent descriptive sermon on the 4th. As a descriptive delineator of scriptural truths, the Bishop has but few equals. An incessant downpour of rain prevented the evening service. Dr. White has things well in hand at the A. M. E. church. He is an earnest, untiring worker, an eloquent orator and possesses splendid executive talent. From chaos and confusion he has developed one of the best organized churches in Oklahoma. New members are being added constantly. The young and energetic men of the South are gradually heeding the injunction of Horace Greeley and "Coming West" Oklahoma City, the territorial metropolis, and "gateway" to the West, is receiving her full share of this new blood. Almost daily new and influential men are coming to our town.

Wedding in High Life.

Denton, Tex., Special.—Lee Jermany, a prominent young man of this town, and Miss Mary L. Wright, a society belle of Lewisville, were joined in wedlock on the 4th inst. J. A. Brown, of Pilot Point, has organized a music class in Denton, and is meeting with much success. Walter Jermany, who has been in Dallas for several months, is visiting in the city.

Interesting News.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.—Mrs Ida Winslow of Carthage, Ind., is the guest of Mrs Frank Allen. Harry Estess of Indianapolis was visiting relatives here last Sunday. Mrs Rev L D Leonard was called to Indianapolis, last week, by the death of her sister. Daniel Hunter of Indianapolis, one of The Freeman staff, was a welcome visitor here last Sunday. Prof Walton of Franklin, Ind., was visiting friends here last week. Mrs Hensley of Indianapolis was the guest of Mrs Owens last Sunday. Stokes Motley is reported to be seriously ill. Birt Boaston of Indianapolis was the guest of Abe Grissam last Sunday. Shelton's orchestra of Indianapolis furnished music at the Assembly last week. Mrs Frank Allen will gave a lawn fete at her residence Saturday night. Miss Luemma Kirk, who has been sick, is improving. Miss Blanch Glenn of Indianapolis was in our city last week.

Current News Condensed.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—The annual sermon of the Teamsters' Unions Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and Sisters Unions No. 1, 2 and 3, A. J. S. and Dts. No. 1, and Naoma Juveniles No. 2, at Center Street church on the 4th inst. The following program was carried out: Voluntary, organ; song, choir; prayer, Rev. Will Johnson; song, choir; Scripture, "God's Promise to His Church;" song, choir; annual address by A. B. Morton, G. N. F.; song by Juveniles, "Jesus Christ our Savior;" song, by choir; sermon by Rev. Wm. Johnson; song, choir; collection; prayer by Rev. Mitchell, of Atlanta, Ga.; song, "God be With Us Till we Meet Again," congregation; benediction. The Freeman is for sale at the barber shop of Patterson & Son, 521 Floyd street.

Pickings in Passing.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Special.—The concert and supper at the A. M. E. church on the 9th, was a grand success in every way. Stop in at Hugh Johnson's Pioneer cafe, 214 E. Huron street, when in the city. We are glad to see our colored students holding their own in all branches. W. Thomas has opened a fine tonsorial parlor and has the best workmen that can be obtained. Miss Nina Crawford, 1100 Fuller street, has gone to Detroit on a visit. Sully James, a graduate of the Law department, has gone to Columbus, O., to practice his profession. Wm. Staples, an old Indianapolis boy, passed through the city enroute to New York City, to engage in the grocery business. John Armstrong, of Ypsilanti, is now employed in this city.

Condensed Cullings.

Buffalo, N. Y., Special.—Rev. J. A. Ayler has left the city to take his two daughters to school in Brunswick, N. J. Miss M. Young, of New York City, is visiting her brother in this city. Among the brilliant entertainments of the season, the May Festival is expected to eclipse them all. It is to be given for the benefit of St. Philip's church.

Springfield News.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—The State convention was at the Leland. There were a large number of extra waiters here from Chicago last week. James Stevenson, for many years a waiter at the Leland hotel, died last week. Charlie Grant and Miss Maude Nelson were married this week. Peace be with thee now, henceforth and forever. The "Mayflower" ball was largely attended. Messrs. McWharters and Oakley were away from the city last week on business. The Culture club held a very interesting session last week. The paper by Miss Herbert was, on account of Miss Herbert's absence, very creditably read by Miss Emma Wilson. J. S. Wilson and C. Parker say they will take the negative side of the subject "That United States Senators should be elected by direct vote of the people." R. Douglass and E. L. Rogers will take the affirmative side. We are glad to see a good many old boys back to the city. Walter Riley of Springfield and Miss Lewis of Palmyra, Mo., were married a few days ago at the latter named city. They now reside here. Go to Robert Oakley's for hair cut and shave. He is the man.

A SHOCKING SENSATION.

Walter Futrell Accidently Shot and Killed by William Hunter.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—Walter Futrell was accidently shot and killed on the 11th inst., by William Hunter. The coroner's verdict was "Walter Futrell met his death from a bullet hole in the head from a revolver in the hands of William Hunter, which was accidently discharged." The jury's deliberations resulted thusly: "We, the jury, find that the defendant did not commit the crime with intent, but was accidental. Signed, W. N. Ricks, Ed. Overby, Jas. Douglass, J. N. Harris, Will Scott, R. D. Ruffin, jurymen; Dr. J. M McManns, coroner." This should be a lesson to the young men of Cairo, and all should stop playing with such dangerous weapons as knives and revolvers. These two boys were just the same as brothers, not a cloud ever arose between them, but the tragedy cannot be recalled This should be long remembered by young Hunter, and should never again handle a gun of any kind, as he is responsible for the sad ending of Walter Futrell. The deceased was an aspiring young man, and was beloved by all of the better class, and was a society leader. He was 20 years old and leaves four brothers to mourn his demise They are W. M and R. P. Futrell, of Futrell City, and Henry and Bert Futrell of Paducah.——The annual Thanksgiving sermon of the Odd Fellows was preached last Sunday at the A. M. E. church, in Seventeenth street, to a large audience. Mrs. Walfolk, of Milborn, Ky., accompanied by Miss Callie Bath, were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Gertrude Grundy, at her home in Fourteenth street, on the 10th. There was one of the grandest base ball games ever played in southern Illinois, on last Sunday at Seventeenth and Cedar streets. The bout was between two female teams, known as the "St. Louis" and the "Brooklyn." Miss Ola Oliver is manager of the St. Louis team, and Miss Jennie Thorp manages the Brooklyn's. The score stood 5 to 5 and will be repeated to-morrow afternoon. A

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A SUMMER SCHOOL

TO BE OPENED BY KNOXVILLE COLLEGE ON JUNE 23D.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY IS OFFERED

To Teachers and Students who Desire to Increase their Store of Knowledge—Common Branches as well as Advanced Studies to be Offered.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—An announcement of the very greatest importance to teachers and students has been made by Knoxville College. A summer school will begin June 23d and continue six weeks. The Southern Educational Board, which has become one of the important features of education in the South, has appropriated a sum sufficient to meet half the expenses of the school and the College supplies the other half. The design of the school is to offer to teachers in the public schools the very best advantages that can be had at the rate within the reach of all. It will also offer students an opportunity to pursue under most favorable circumstances the studies that are offered. Classes will be offered in all common branches, and everything that is required in the common schools, together with some classes in the more advanced studies. The instructors will be announced later and will show that the best talent to be found, not only in Knoxville, but in the surrounding states, has been secured. Those who are specialists in their lines will teach the different subjects. A rare opportunity will be offered in the way of hearing lectures. The summer school of the South which will be held at the University of Tennessee at the same time, has secured a great many renowned lecturers. Arrangements have been made by which these same persons will speak at Knoxville College. The cost will be low, as there will be no charge for tuition for attendance upon lectures except a registration fee of $1 50. Boarding and furnished rooms in the college dormitories will be $2 a week. A railroad fare of one fare for the round trip has been secured from all points in the South. This will be an unequaled opportunity for teachers in the South. For full information and particulars, write the president of the college, Rev. R. W. McGranahan.

Brilliantly Entertained.

Orlando, Fla., Special.—Mrs. E. L Brown entertained at her eome, 204 N. Gertrude avenue, on the 8th inst. It was a brilliant affair, enlivened by both vocal and instrumental music. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Whitehead, Miss Lucy C. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harley, Mrs. Maria Moore, Walter Crooms, Mose Crooms, Will Taylor, John Mack, Misses Angeline Brown, Ola Brown, Fannie Harley, Majie Fisher, Mrs. John Wilbern, M. Bishop, F. R. Regis, Mrs. A. Hawkins, Mrs. Janey Hawkins, Mrs. Sarah Williams, Miss Mamie Crooms, Mrs. Mamie Williams. Miss Samantha Davis, M. Daniels, Andrew Henry, Moodie Roberson, Willie Whitaker, Miss Floria Whitaker, Mrs. Clara Brown, John Jordan, Dan Jewett, Mr. and Robert Young, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris. The Olter Guild of St. John Episcopal church has opened a sewing school for the little children, which meets the second Thursday in each month. The members of St. John church are preparing to erect a new building. The membership is small, but by united efforts they hope to soon secure sufficient funds. Mmes. A. L. Perkins and Pinkey Jones, of Sanford, Fla., are visiting Mrs. C. P. Whitefield. Messrs. C. P. Whitefield, Amos Hawkins, Anderson Boston and C. H. Henderson are in Key West attending the grand lodge of Odd Fellows. Messrs. M. M. Bishop and Leonard Berlack have gone to Saratoga, N. Y., for the summer. The Young Men's club tendered them a reception the night they left the city.

Under the Lime Light.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Casey a fine girl baby on the 9th inst. John Lett is on the sick list. Mrs. Wm. Kemp left on the 11th for Lansing, where she will make her future home. Miss Belle Harrison is very sick. Will Smith, of Albion, was in the city Sunday. Miss Wright occupied the pulpit at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening, and Rev. Bowren at the Baptist church. Anyone wishing The Freeman will call on Miss Flossie M. Johnson, 216 E. Franklin street.

FARM AND HOME

Farm Notes

Despite the competition from oleomargerine, the supply of "gilt-edge" butter is far below the demand althoug it commands the highest prices at all seasons.

There are two diseases termed hog cholera; one affecting the bowels and (the true cholera) and the other which acks the lungs and is known as the swine plague. An animal may also have both diseases at the same time but such cases are rare.

Nearly all experienced growers of potatoes now favor level culture for the crop, especially if the season is dry. Level culture permits of better opportunity for destroying weeds as well as providing a loose top soil as an effective mulch, which assists the soil in retaining and providing moisture.

As a remedy against cabbage worms mix a tablespoonful of red peper, one of black pepper and one of ground yellow mustard with a pound of wheat flour. Once a week dust each cabbage with the prepared flour while the plants are most with dew, A pound will answer for dusting about 200 plants.

Wire worms are known to cause much damage in cucumber and melon patches. It is claimed that if potatoes are buried about one foot apart and six inches deep around the vines the worms will leave the melons or cucumbers and feast upon the potatoes. In this way the worms may be caught and destroyed with but little labor.

On the same diet an animal at rest will fatten more readily than one that takes exercise, No animal should be allowed to loose flesh as the loss of a pound in weight is equivalent to a loss of two, for the reason that an animal should gain instead of losing. There is a loss of time when the animal ceases to make any gain in weight.

Many who attempt to make cuttings grow when planted in a location for that purpose meet with a failure, For the information of the inexperienced it may be stated that the difficulty arises from the fact that when the ground is cold, especially in the early spring, the air is much warmer than the soil which starts the top bud before root action begins. If cuttings are placed with their base ends in dry soil in the cellar, the base will callous and be ready to emit roots as soon as planted. Gardeners make the cutting live by furnishing bottom heat, thus keeping the root ends warmer than those exposed to the air.

Manure from the poultry house should be collected daily and kept under shelter. Mix it with dry earth and keep it no longer than is possible, as it gives the best results when it is fresh. The supposition that it is equal to peruvian guano is erroneous, as guano is produced by birds that live upon animal food while the barnyard fowls subsist mostly upon grains. It is profitable to save the droppings, however and they should be considered in estimating the profits.

Concerning Locusts.

The press dispatches and contributed articles in the newspapers stating that the country is going to be visited by a plague of the seventeen-year locust and that in consequence much damage will be done, borders on the sensationalism something unfortunately sought after by a great many papers. The truth of the matter is, as Dr. Howard, the etomologist of the Department of Agriculture states, that the "locust plague" is being exaggerated beyond all reason Of course the shrill cries and the discordant notes of the cicadas will be heard on every hand, but at the greatest they will be present for only about five weeks, from the middle of May until possibie the first of July.

Many farmers seem to confound the cicada with the grasshopper or real locust and thus lay at the door of the former all the cause of the destruction made by the latter insect. As stated by the Department of Agriculture, the cicada is not migratory and generally makes for small trees and shrubs where it will stay until it falls to the ground dead.—Indiana Farmer.

The Angora Goat.

The Prarie Farmer says that the Angora goat does not mature as fast as the sheep, but lives to a greater age. It is a browsing animal, getting its living from the bushes, twigs. leaves and the bark of trees with a preference for the weeds over pasture grasses, and while the meat of the sheep is preferred to the goat the latter is rapidly growing in favor. But we learn from other papers that to get a large fleece and a fat carcass from the goat it is necessary to finish them of with about as good food as would be required by the sheep. We think it is with the goats as with the pigs of the man who bought a lot to root up the sward in his orchard and that they might do so he thought he must feed them scantily. After a time he made a complaint to a neighbor that they did not fatten as he expected them. "Well," said the neighbor, "You need'nt think they are going to do 5o cents worth of work on 25 cents worth of feed and get fat on it." Farmers in this section do not care much to have the twigs and bark eaten off the trees, though we know some pastures that might be benefitted by having some of the bushes and weeds killed out.—Massachusetts Ploughman.

A Friend of the Trees.

Politicians may disagree as to the public virtues of J. Sterling Morton, whose death is just reported. But those Americans who love nature, who feel that the state owes her a debt and who believe in the possibility of training the people to love her in turn will agree that Mr. Morton made a high mark for himself if only through his encouragement of tree planting. As the author of Arbor day, he established a custom which with proper development may solve one of the great problems of the future. He inculcated into the farmers of the country a respect for a growing tree which few of them possessed before. He demonstrated that tree culture is a practical necessity of the day, when all the tendencies of modern industry and trade are toward tree destruction. The public conscience was unquestionably somewhat smitten in regard to the wanton waste of trees which the decades had witnessed, and it required some such quickening touch as the suggestion of Mr. Morton to work reform. That reform has only just begun, however and it will need persistent work by the tree lovers and the practical foresters to keep alive the sentiment which has already gone so far in works. There is an essential difference between teaching children that a tree has a commercial and a social and a sentimental value combined, and practically checking the devastation of waste. There must be system and law. Arbor day will serve well the purpose of keeping the sentiment for the trees alive. It will furnish the motive power perhaps of a great National movement. But, without laws and the co-operation of the men of business whose interests now seem to lie in the way of forest destruction that ceremonial will not avail to any great extent in checking the devastation. Mr. Morton was not a dreamer in this matter. He recognized that the sentimental love of the tree would be of little worth without legal measures sustained by business interests. But with hundreds of thousands of children annually participating in tree planting rites and learning the lesson they teach the enactment and execution of laws, far-seeing and practical, will surely result. Out of public sentiment created by just such means, grow great works.

THE WAITER....

[BY W. FORREST COZART.]

The Excelsior Literary Society.

The Excelsior Literary Society held its first meeting of the season Wednesday night, April 16, at Smith's Chapel, Hot Springs, Va., Mr. J. A. Younger acting as temporary chairman. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. A. Jones. Singing by the choir. Roll call, a great many responding with quotations. The names of the officers who were installed are as follows:

President—R. N. Smith.
Vice-president—W. H. Haines.
Secretary—P.H. Baskerdille.
Assistant Secretary—D. J. Ward.
Treasurer—S. D. Pannell.
Chaplain—Rev. G. A. Jones.
Sergeant-at-Arms—W. H. Hinton.
Editor—E. C. Reid.

The installation address delivered by J. T. Anderson was very much enjoyed by all. The solo by R. E. Stovall, accompanied by J. W. Mitchell, was very rich and rare. Remarks by the President R. N. Smith. We were pleased to have with us Mr. H. Moore and his friends of New York. Organ recital by J W Mitchell of New York. Singing by the choir. Benediction by the chaplain. We were pleased to have with us Dr G E Loverette, W H Christian, J A Lewis, R S Holliday and Rev G A Jones of Shaw University. Mrs R N Smith spent a few days with us last week. J H Thomas is spending a few days with us. Miss Nannie Lawson of North Garden, Va., will spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. R. W. Goode. Rev. O. H. Preston of Fincastle, Va., preached for us on Sunday night, April 20. The Excelsior Literary Society as a body is very proud to have in the chair as president for the opening session our honored headwaiter, R. N. Smith, although his duties have been, and are now, very pressing as usual and really more so recently owing to the opening of the new Homestead hotel. Mr. Smith is indeed a man of very great executive ability, and is in every sense of the word fitted for the place which he holds—president of the society. Not only in the society, but as a headwaiter, he has ingratiated himself in the hearts of the large body of men who find employment under him by his just way of dealing with men, also by the most impressing lectures given by him every week, which are full of experience, advice and thought, as well as dining room etiquette and service. We hope for our president a successful term, which we feel assured will attend his efforts—a man of persistancy, "stictotitiveness."

N. F. BERRY,
Corresponding Secretary.

F. C. Taylor succeeds C. C. Lewis as headwaiter at the Russell house, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. W. Forrest Cozart, accompanied by Miss Helen, W. Forrest, Jr., and Master Andrew Broadus Cozart has joined her husband at the Hot Sulphur Wells hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

POTTER PALMER DEAD

CHICAGO'S FAMOUS HOTEL PROPRIETOR PASSES AWAY.

He Was a True Friend to the Colored Hotel Waiters.

Potter Palmer, proprietor of the famous Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., died in that city on May 4 inst. In the death of Mr. Palmer the colored waiters looses their staunchest friend. Mr Palmer built the Palmer House soon after the great Chicago fire in 1871, at a cost of nearly $2,000,000, being for years the finest hotel in this country. Colored waiters were put in the Palmer House when it first opened and are still employed, notwithstanding the hotel has been run on the European plan exclusively for the past two years. At first a white headwaiter was placed in charge of the dining-room, during which time Charley Jordan a sidewaiter, who rose rapidly and was soon promoted to the headwaitership, which he filled for many years until his health failed. Mr. Palmer sent Charley to Hot Springs where he died; Mr. Palmer paid all the funeral expenses and put his faithful old servant away as though he was one of the family. After the death of Charley Jordan, Mr. Palmer promoted Ben Thompkins to the headwaitership and retained him as long as he (Palmer) was active manager of the hotel. A few years ago Mr. Palmer put the hotel under the management of Willis Howe who changed the hotel from the American to the European plan and installed a white headwaiter, but still retains colored sidewaiters. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Palmer has been our true friend, having given from fifty to sixty colored waiters positions continuously from 1875 to 1902 up to the time of his death.

It was Potter Palmer who let down the bars of discrimination in the Chicago hotels against colored people. That grand old man, Frederick Douglass was always a welcome guest at Mr Palmer's hotel. Mr. Palmer not only entertained Mr. Douglass in his hotel but had him shaved in the famous Palmer barbershop and dismissed the white barber who refused to shave him. The Palmer barbershop at that time was the finest in the United States having silver dollars dispersed along the tile floor and Frederick Douglass was the first colored man to shave in the shop.

Mr. Palmer was a man of broad and liberal mind, he believed like Robert Burns, "That a man was a man for all that," his hotel was opened to the traveling public regardless of nationality. and for that reason the Palmer House became popular with Jews who at that time found almost as much prejudice against them as did the colored man. Indeed many hotels, as late as 1885 would not accommodate a Jew, but the doors of the Palmer House ever stood ajar for the noble and the oppressed. Such was the good deeds of Potter Palmer, who has built unto himself a monument which far surpasses architectural skill, and being built on the foundation of human rights it will grow brighter as the ages roll by. The colored waiters as well as the race, will learn with profound sorrow of Mr. Palmer's death, and in one mighty chorus will sing his praises while he peacefully sleeps.

It is with much sorrow that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Nellie Locke, beloved wife of Mr. W. Alonzo Locke, formerly headwaiter at the Holliday House, Cairo, Ill., but now at the Gayoso Hotel, Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Locke's untimely death occurred at Cairo, Ill, April 22. The funeral services were held at the Twelfth-street Baptist church, Rev. Allison officiating. Mr. W. Alonzo Locke is president of the Head and Second Waiters' National Association and has the heartfelt sympathy of the members of that organization throughout the United States.

E. H. Williams, a well-known waiter of the Hotel Albion, Augusta, Ga., died at the La Mar Hospital in that city, April 25th. Mr. Williams was formerly employed at the Hotel Bon Air, Augusta, Ga., but had been at the Albion since that house opened a year ago. He was well liked by all who knew him. Headwaiter W. E. Tucker speaks of him in the highest terms.

Several so-called headwaiters joined the head and second waiters' association, paid initiation fees and agreed to abide by the by-laws and constitution, but as soon as one member died they refused to pay the one dollar assessment, which they had sworn to do, and thus these rascals have robbed the dead and cheated poor widows and orphans of their just dues; but there is a day of reckoning when justice will be done. It may be that the robbers are not aware that the head and second waiters' association is incorporated under the laws of Illinois, and can be sued and sue. Each one of the delinquent members can be made to pay the assessment and pay the expense for collecting same. The widows of the deceased members can sue the association as a whole or any one or more members for the $100 provided by the by-laws. The editor has a list of all the members who would not pay the assessment, and he proposes to expose the robbers to the public.

Joseph A. Holman is now in charge of the Nelson hotel dining room at Rockford, Ill. He can use five or six good waiters.

It has been definitely settled that the St. Louis Exposition will not be held in 1903, but will be opened in 1904. This change will inconvenience many waiters as they had perfected plans to be in St. Louis on time; many of them had already gone to St. Louis or near by towns. The above change gives the boys one good consolation—they have one more year of prosperity before going to St. Louis to starve a la Buffalo.

Chas. C. Lewis has retired from the position of headwaiter at the Russell house, Detroit, Mich., where he has held the fort for eleven months, during which time he has served more banquets than any other headwaiter between Chicago and New York. It c[illegible] requires a good man and a hard working up-to-date headwaiter to hold the Russell. H. C. Eubanks tried it, but only lasted theos.nth The Russell is a first class house.

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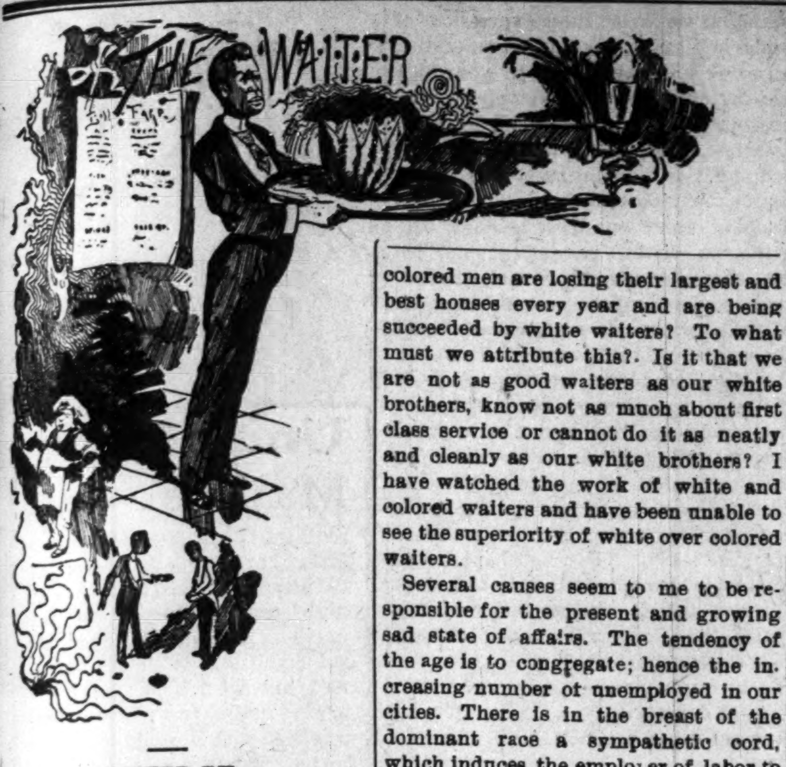

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W. FORREST COZART.

WHY HE IS LOSING GROUND.

Ever since the importation of the colored man into this country, in 1619, he has shown himself to be valiant, trustworthy and true to his employer. No matter what position has been assigned him, whether of great or small responsibility, whether indoors or out, his chief aim has been to promote the interest of his employer. In no place has he been more conspicuous than in the dining rooms of the hotels of this country, from the most magnificent and pretentious hostelry to the modest and unassuming country tavern. The problems that give us most concern to day are those that have some bearing upon our temporary or permanent vocations of life. The one which we will consider at this writing is: How shall we succeed as waiters and gain prestige once held by us?

Let us consider the hotels of this country where the colored man is employed in the dining department. What is the cry of the hour? Is it not that colored men are losing their largest and best houses every year and are being succeeded by white waiters? To what must we attribute this? Is it that we are not as good waiters as our white brothers, know not as much about first class service or cannot do it as neatly and cleanly as our white brothers? I have watched the work of white and colored waiters and have been unable to see the superiority of white over colored waiters.

Several causes seem to me to be responsible for the present and growing sad state of affairs. The tendency of the age is to congregate; hence the increasing number of unemployed in our cities. There is in the breast of the dominant race a sympathetic cord, which induces the employer of labor to see that his own people are provided for, if he believes he will get as good and faithful service from them as from others. This, it appears to me, cannot be remedied. "What can't be cured must be endured." Another fruitful cause is the unreliability of a large per cent of colored waiters. This is not at variance with my first statement about the colored man, but shows that a large number of men have drifted into hotel work because of its gentility and are not of that class who can say "Mine honor is my life" Their time when off duty is spent in ways which render them unfit for service when duty calls. They are behind hand or in such a condition that they cannot give proper service. Punctuality, general appearance and good conduct should be paramount. Clamorousness around hotels when off or on duty has wrought more harm in one month than the amount of good that could be sifted out in a score of years. O, brother waiter, always be composed and remember that it costs one nothing to be a gentleman.

If one screw loosens in a machine it is liable to cause trouble with the whole machinery, so one noisy, ill-appearing and incompetent waiter is likely to cause trouble with the whole crew. Make few rules and break none, be positive in every order and have it thoroughly understood that an order given must be executed to the best of the doer's ability. Take instruction in service at convenient times and read frequently hotel journals and keep abreast with the times at all hazards. I like dining room work, and labor to further its success, not because I expect to follow it as life's work, but for the benefit already received by its open door. Never abuse a thing because you have finished using it. What has made things possible for you may serve to make possible things for others.

MUST TRY TO DO BETTER.

Fellow waiters, be up and doing and never contented until we see a turn of the present tide of affairs. Open some of the dining room doors recently shut in our faces. We can do this by working in harmony, union, strictly to business and to duty, up-to date in service and conduct. To assure success in this work we must sacrifice, discontinue throwing away our money, stay away from the many snares set to entrap us at most of the summer and winter resorts. If perchance you make a dollar or more to-day, do not go out to-night and spend it in having one of the so-called "good times," investing it or taking a chance, as many waiters style craps and games at cards.

Just as soon as we become the possessors of more finance just so soon will we demand respect and recognition and receive the same. Be courteous and polite at all times. Always be on the alert in case a guest at the next table or in any part of the room should want something; respond on the minute; don't act as though you were afraid to leave the station assigned you. Should your fellow waiter need anything, be ready and willing to assist him. The guests are close observers and note our actions and everything we do in the dining room, good or bad, and speak of them. Hold a good feeling with the traveling public; it will help us to success. Never overgarnish your dishes, as there is nothing that looks worse and shows so readily a lack of experience and poor training in this part of our work. A waiter should always be on time, as he never knows how badly his service is needed. Should the proprietor come around and ask the headwaiter if all his men are here and he says, "No, there are two off," he is more than likely to think, if not to say: "If you can run this room with two off a day like this, you can run it with two men less in your crew every day." What is the consequence? At that moment each waiter's work increases. The more one has to do, the harder for him to do his work well, as it should at all times be done. Many times waiters absent themselves from the dining room when there is a large meal or day, more so than the absentee expects. In many cases we are required by our leaders to serve too many guests at a time, and they are seated at our tables in such an irregular manner that we cannot give any one of the unreasonably large number the service required by the house and what each guest expects according to the rate of the hotel.

Headwaiters, look at this matter with an all piercing eye, consider it well at every available moment and satisfy yourselves as to our wanting quality, which is throwing many a good "knight of the napkin" out of his well earned field of labor.

W. E. PAYNE,
Ithaca, New York.

A VICTIM OF CONDITIONS.

The consequence is, after a person is seated at one of these overcrowded tables and has received such poor service (which is not by any means the fault of the side waiter), he goes to the office and complains or tells his fellow travelers of his experience at said hotel.

From thence goes an ill report about the dining department, and the colored boy sooner or later must suffer the loss and pay the penalty by being thrown out of employment.

After twelve years experience in a number of the best hotels in the largest cities of the East, I must reluctantly say that many of our chief waiters tax us too heavily and require of us what would seem to some an impossible task to be executed by any one waiter. Thus you see by the stumbling of one we all fall in the estimation of the managers and proprietors Let us collectively put forth every possible effort to eradicate all evil from our much disturbed field of labor. The head should remember that a large number poorly served is worse than a small number well served, and the latter speaks more for us individually and collectively.

Headwaiters should use every precaution to have each and every member of their crew report regularly every day and on time. Although there is nothing, as you know, for them to do, the management pays them as much to stand around as though all were busy. In apportioning the work to your men never be satisfied or contented with telling them what is expected of each one or what he should do. See yourself or have one of your officers to see that everything is done well and at all times and that each waiter does his respective part. In my hotel experience I have seen many a man half do and many times not do at all what was assigned him, and call himself "getting by." Such things as these all tend to hinder our success in this great work.

Avoid what is known as "hammer and tongs" service. This can be done by a little care on each one's part. Before a large meal or day the headwaiter will call together his crew and appeal to them for their support and tell them what is expected of them and what they should do.

After the meal or day is over and everything has been satisfactorily done, he should call them together and compliment them on their support. It encourages one to be loyal to himself and others. The Head and Second Waiters' National Benefit Association, which is a new organization, is working much good for the success of the colored waiters. May God speed its good work along this line.

WILLIAM E. PAYNE
(Ithaca Grill Room, Ithaca, N. Y)

From Milwaukee, Wis.

Joseph Weber, who has been chief at the Plankinton for over twenty-two years, was, a few days ago, retired by Mr. William Plankinton on half pay as long as he lives, which will be $62.50 per month. Although Mr. Weber has not been in the best of health for several years he has remained at his post of duty. Mr. Freed of New York has come to take Mr. Weber's place as chief of the Plankinton. Clifton Miller and O. Armstead, two waiters employed at the Plankinton, got into trouble by calling each other "pet" names, and by so doing both of them lost their position and was barred from the hotel for ninety-nine years. Mr. E. Commady of St. Paul, Minn, is in the city and may be found at the Plankinton. Robert W. Barnes of George R. Smith College of Sedalia, Mo., will spend his vacation in the Cream City, and may be found at the Plankinton. Mr. Barnes is a very bright young man and quite a favorite with Prof. J. M. Hoffman. Walter Anderson of Terre Haute, Ind., will arrive in this city in a few days, also T. W. Swan of Detroit, Mich. Both of these gentlemen have accepted positions at the Plankinton. Sam Franklin has resigned his position at the Plankinton to accept a position with the American Express Company in Chicago. Dan Johnson has also resigned his position to accept a position on a dining car W. J. Miles will spend the summer at a resort in Michigan. Prince of headwaiters, E. T. Montgomery, writes from California that he is doing well, and is in hopes that within a short time to be able to return East. I noticed an article in The Freeman of April 3d written by the editor of the Waiters' Department, wherein he claimed that those of the Head and Second Waiters' Association were protesting against the side waiters becoming members of the organization were such as had not paid their dues. I claim that I have paid all dues and death assessments that said head and second waiters' association held against me. I further claim that I think it would be a disgrace to any side waiter to join any organization, where a lot of men belong, who have not got principle enough to contribute toward a dead brother's widow and orphan. Such a society is not worth the paper that the constitution and by-laws are written upon. When one joins a society and pays his money annually he expects some benefit in return for his money; otherwise the society is a dry rot. As the majority of the head and second waiters' association did not have manhood enough to meet their obligations their names should have been dropped from the rolls, and the society stand as it was. There is but one thing for the society to do now, and that is for us to go back and lay down, as no one cares to associate with a lot of unprincipled men who fail to live up to their obligations as men should do. A society is just what its members make it. In conclusion, I will say to my friend and comrade let us who have been true and faithful to the head and second waiters' society take off our hats to the Side Waiters' Royal League and beg them to continue in their ranks instead of us inviting them to join us, as we have proven ourselves incapable of doing justice to our comrades after death.

O. K.

James J. Butler, Democratic representative from St. Louis, Mo, and August Scholz, a white waiter employed at the Hotel Raleigh, Washington, D. C, got into an altercation in the dining room of the Raleigh, last week, and Congressman Butler became so enraged at the acts and remarks of the waiter that he assaulted the waiter with a water bottle, inflicting much damage. August Scholz sued Congressman Butler for $10,000 damages for hammering him with a water bottle, claiming to have received permanent injuries The above case will be watched with much interest by the colored waiters. We are glad to say that the deportment of the colored waiter is of such that a guest never finds an occasion to use water bottles. The Raleigh is Washington's finest European hotel.

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ATURDAY, MAY 17, 1902.

DR. FERGUSON OF MACON.

Dr. E. C. Ferguson of Macon, Ga., as a paper in the Atlanta Journal-Record of Medicine that exceeds anything by way of criticism that has been written concerning the colored people. The writer, from all indications, meant to be abusive rather than scientific He sets forth what he calls Negro traits, many of which are true enough, and had he confined himself to the simple truth without gross exaggeration, as is noted in several instances, the paper would not be objectionable. Judging by the tone of the article the doctor seems to be comparing the two races in order to prove the infinite superiority of one over the other. He does this at the expense of those Negroes who do not have the qualities of which he speaks, and if they did the facts are so patent, and have been so often recorded, that to rehearse them at this day will be held reprehensible in face of the endeavor on the part of many to get away from dominating racial traits that are hurtful. Such articles might be dismissed without any to do, as are many such articles, if it were not for the prominence of the individual, the medical association before which the paper was read and the medical journal in which the article appeared. And above all, the article, in part, appears in a daily paper of Macon, Ga. In view of these things it may not be amiss to reproduce some of the doctor's observations in order that the Negroes may see themselves as he thinks he sees them and as he would have the world view them. He says:

> The Negroes' black skin, as a matter of course, mark them from all other nationalities. There is the receding forehead and chin, with black kinky hair, thick lips, flat nose, large open nostrils, so much so that you can look into them as you can a cow or horse, large eyes; in the male, beardless face; a straight-edge placed upon the face will not reach either the chin or nose at the same time before touching the lips

The doctor adheres close enough to science in the above as it concerns the original Negro, the Negro of whom the physical had not been fashioned by the mind Mind over matter is a law, and it is being demonstrated in America by the Europeanized features of the descendants of the originals, even where there is but small influence or no influence due to Caucasian blood. He is not scientific when he condescends to speak of the nostrils of a cow in comparison; for that beast of all, as useful as it is, stands for the sloven and vulgar. However, it makes the illustration effective, and that evidently is what he meant. He seems wedded to the cow theory, for again he says:

> The Negro has protruding umbilicus or navel, closely resembling the cow, more so than any other animal, while in the Caucasian it is retracted and withdrawn within itself so as not to be manifest except as an indentation on the abdomen.

Here follows criticism that the ordinary observer may or may not disprove:

> Wen a gang are at work there will always be one or more looking around as if in fear of approaching danger. If you are having your shoes shined the nigger will rub a little and look off from his work as though something might escape his observation or take him unawares Like a flock of geese feeding in a pond there is always one on the watch to warn the others of danger. Like the horse, cow or dog, there is no cerumen or wax in his ear.

It sounds very much like a burlesque to insist that Negroes had no wax in their ears. This is information to most individuals. The doctor is utterly unscientific in that ascertion. The question naturally rises: "Was the doctor sincere?"

Again; he insists that Negroes do not faint at any horrible sight like white men or women. "He has no sympathy for his fellow man or for the beast he uses." Such, of course, is untrue for the Negroes are held to be too sympathetic for their own good. Says the doctor:

> He is monkey-like, and imitates all he sees. He rarely misses anything exposed to his view without repeating it as perfectly as his powers of imitation will permit. These are of a limited character, and often he makes the most laughable and egregious mistakes.

Evidently this is an attempt to put the Negro in a ridiculous light. It is true that he is imitative, and it very often serves his purpose to be so. The writer seems irritated that they do so well by imitation that which requires years of study on the part of others The criticism is cruel since it seeks to create the impression that the Negroes' acquirements are imitative; hence transient. Imitation enters largely into Negro life, but their progress is not due to it. He grows violent:

> Without the least compunction of conscience he betrays the most sacred trust reposed in him. He has no regard for the truth, and when the truth would answer his purpose the best he will lie Is without gratitude or appreciation of anything done for him. Like the pet crow he is a natural born thief If chance offers he will steal anything, no matter how worthless it may be to him. Virtue is unknown to him He has no morals Turpitude is his ideal of all that pertains to life.

The above, for the good of the doctor's soul, should never have been uttered Not that the qualities mentioned may not be found, but because of the wholesale assertions; they become slanderous, calumniating. He shows in the above that the prejudice has reached the demon stage. He will find individuals, many of them that will answer his description, as may be found in any race, but if the doctor is bent on good he would not include all in this scathing criticism, for many are as much opposed to the qualities mentioned as he is. Again, he says:

> His progeny are not provided for at home and are allowed to roam at large without restraint, and seek subsistance as best they can, growing up like any animal, as is well known to all familiar with the portion of the brute creation.

For the love of mercy he should forbear here. It is far too true that Negro children go it at will, but more owing to the hard conditions of their birth than to negligence or shiftlessness on the part of the parents. Industrialism, good employment would help in this woeful lack.

The writer proceeds with an almost never ending tirade against the colored people, giving just enough exact truth as to make the whole thing appear plausible. We will see no impropriety in giving the public through this paper what is being so industriously circulated elsewhere. The race is used to abuse, but such should serve as prods to push on to the perfect day of their racial existence. That nature has endowed them thus and thus, there will be no quarrel, but acquired attributes that are displeasing and those that serve as bars to progression will be eliminated, and the observations of the doctor will serve their purpose in that direction. So its an ill wind that blows nobody good. There is much that the colored people may do to correct the false impressions or the exaggerated impressions. They are not yet what they might be, even with meagre opportunities. The white people who hold the destiny of the race in their hands are not near as considerate as they might be. They know that the Negro has no capital or experience in the commercial sense, yet they expect great things of him. Mutual concessions will further the interest of the race and contribute to the general peace and happiness of the country.

DEDICATION OF THE MONUMENT.

"Come and see," was the welcomed command sent out a few days ago bidding the citizens of the State to come to Indianapolis May 15th to witness the dedication of Indiana's Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. It is needless to say that the opportunity was eagerly embraced For years the citizens of the State have been awaiting the day when the great monument would be properly turned over to those whose deeds it commemorates.

They came and saw. Thousands of individuals from the state, from other States, poured into the capital city; and, by the 15th, the city looked a holiday with its thousands of strangers, its decorations, the soldiery and citizens in their best attire, the merry face, the laughing eye, all of which was in keeping with the purpose for which they came.

Speeches were made by prominent men from abroad and at home. These told the old, old story of those that gave up their lives for the country's cause Like the story of the cross, it may be told o'er and o'er again. In the language of Goldsmith, the old soldier again shoulders his crutch and shows how fields were won. Not a small part of the day was spent in songs.

The monument is one of the greatest in the world and the very greatest of its kind. It is situated in the heart of the city with environments in keeping with the splendid structure. It was begun in 1875 after the reunion of the veterans of the State, and who gave birth to the idea. One thousand dollars was subscribed by them, the first money toward building the monument. Later on the G. A. R. took up the work by organizing a monument committee. This committee was assisted by State G. A. R Posts, churches, Sunday-schools and individuals, which contributed $21,116.94.

In 1887 the legislature appropriated $200,000 and provided a board of commissioners. The corner stone was laid in the presence of the president, the cabinet, governors of states and other distinguished individuals. The work cost $598 318 76. The monument is 314 feet 6 inches high.

TWENTIETH CENTURY NEGRO LITERATURE.

After much labor and expense on the part of Dr. W. Culp of Palatka, Florida, he has issued the long expected volume, "The Twentieth Century Negro Literature or Cyclopedia of Thought by One Hundred of America's Greatest Negroes." The work is, as stated in its title, a cyclopedia of thought by the brains of the Negro race. Dr. Culp has compiled a book which, in the parlance of the newspapers, will fill a long felt want. The author carefully scanned the field and has succeeded in presenting to the world just such men and women, when taken together, make a fair index of the possibilities of the general race The book abounds in discussions that are pertinent to the welfare of the race, and which will also serve to enlighten either race as to the position of eminent colored men on the racial situation. It is apparent that many of the whites have erroneous notions of the better class of Negroes who are as earnest as the whites are in trying to bring about satisfactory conditions among their people The volume will also prove an incentive to the younger generations who will gather inspiration by reading the thought and learn of the actions of those that have gone before. It will teach these that excellency in all things is the surest means to success in all things. It would be useless to attempt to speak of all the good points of the volume or to enumerate the eminent individuals who have contributed to the success of the undertaking. The book will have to be seen and read to be appreciated. The cyclopedia is volume of 472 pages. Published by J. L. Nichols & Co, Napierville, Illinois.

It will be gratifying to thinking people to know that Senator Tillman's late utterances were repudiated by his party. It is a very hopeful sign. To abuse him because of his utterances will not profit the race much, but to know that he stands alone, uncomforted, unsupported is everything. The hopes of the Negro reside in the good will of either party. They can never afford, by any action, to array one of the greater parties intensely against them. The Negro question is not one of ordinary politics; it is racial. The leaders will do well to keep that in mind.

Memphis is making an effort to secure the General Conference of the A. M E church for 1904 What is the matter with Indianapolis? It has been quite a while since the conference met here Our city recommends itself—the best in the land. Come; its a good chance to see the great monument without an individual tax As is said of Paris we say of Indianapolis; you are not fit to die until you have seen it.

It is said that the Pullman employes are organizing with the hope of getting satisfactory wages from the company. They have heretofore been compelled to be a sort of an order of leaches, not because they were built that way, but because the close fisted corporation gave them just enough to keep them alive. The understanding being, now hustle for the rest, and they have hustled as the traveling public well knows.

The horrifying intelligence of the disaster at Martinique met a prompt response by the national legislative body which at once appropriated $100 000 for the relief of the sufferers The resolution offered by Senator Fairbanks at the suggestion of the Indianapolis News has been amended so as to read $200,000 instead of $100,000 The American people may be depended on to do the right thing in the right time.

The Freeman acknowledges invitation to attend the commencement exercises of the Wm McKinley Normal and Industrial school, Alexandria, Virginia, Monday, May 12th. Mr. Magnus L. Robinson, well known in educational and Masonic circles, is president.

Why not agitate for a home for ex-slaves rather than for pensions. The former is a possibility. The continued agitation for pensions for ex-slaves means racial friction. Agitate homes for the indigent, work for the able.

Proper employment for the colored boy and girl that are being turned adrift in the world by thousands yearly is what is needed It will help as nothing else will

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The Boston Guardian does not think much of Booker T. Washington. That city has always been noted for its freedom of speech. But sometimes freedom is confounded with liscense.

Will the colored women be equal to the emergency and organize a grand federation of clubs? If not, why not? Victory is very often born of defeat.

Commencement exercises of the Arhansas Baptist College were held May 14th. An excellent program was rendered. Degrees conferred by Dr. E. C. Morris.

The naphtha explosion at Pittsburg, Pa., added its long list of dead and wounded to the thousands of dead and dying of Martinique.

"The past rises before me like a dream"—Robert G. Ingersoll on the spot where the monument now stands.

Our government is doing all in its power to relieve the distressed at Martinique.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF LOVE

AND CHARITY--REOPENING OF THE ZION CHURCH--ADDRESS OF D. G. VALENTINE.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—The Independent Order of Love and Charity had their annual sermon preached at Big Zion A. M. E. Zion church last Sunday night. This grand order has a membership of over four hundred members. The rally at Bethel A. M. E. Church, last Sunday night, was one of the grandest affairs ever held in Mobile. The full report will appear later. The closing exercises of Mrs Josie Phen Allen's private school will take place at the Mobile Theatre on the 23 inst. The letter carriers' May pole twining was a grand success. At Eureka garden, last Monday night, Rev. A. N. McEwen, pastor of Franklin-st. Baptist church, preached a powerful sermon at the Union Baptist church last night. The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows will have their annual sermon preached at State st. A. M. E. Zion church tomorrow night. Mrs. L. H. Cook, soprano singer of State-st. choir, sang for the First Congregational church last Sunday night. Mr. J. H. Miller, formerly chief cook of the Oglethrope hotel at Brunswick, Ga, a Mobile race young man, is chief cook of one of the leading restaurants in the city. He sends love to his Georgia and Chicago hotel friends Mr. Alex. Jackson, the popular Royal street barber, sends love to Editor Knox of The Freeman. Mr. Sam Hayes, chef of the Benville hotel, is mastering his position nicely.

REOPENING EXERCISES OF STATE STREET A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

State-street church, which has been undergoing repairs for some time, was reopened last Sunday. It is now declared by both white and colored press to be the finest Negro-church in the city. It is beautifully carpeted. Hon. A. N. Johnson, editor of the Weekly Press, delivered an address in the afternoon on "Race Pride," which was often applauded.

ADDRESS.

Rt. Rev. Wesley J. Gaines. presiding Bishop of the Seventh Episcopal District of the A. M. E. church:

REV SIR:—Having been vested with authority warranting this special privilege, unanimously endorsed by the whole church to appear before you this morning, in so doing I appear not as Lazarus at the gate of the rich man, soliciting the fragments of his table for sustenance of life; or as the Joshua of old, when he requested the Almighty to hold the king of light by day in one particular attitude until he could achieve victory; or as William Jennings Bryan, as he appeared at Madison Square Garden soliciting the support and suffrage of his constituency to be promoted as exalted ruler of this republican government; or as the Jew Mordecai as he appeared making intercession for his people, but came laden down with praise and gratitude to express the profound sentiment of Emanuel church in rendering you thanks for appointing to our church a pastor whose natural and acquired abilities are the equal, if not the peer of any in our community. A pastor who is a scholar, a christian and a gentleman. A pastor whose eloquence peals forth and out from the rostrum like unto the historical Demosthene while delivering his oration on the crown. A pastor who has proven to be a panacea for all financial pain A pastor who has already laid the foundation stone to erect thereon a granite rock mound over the chasm of our indebtedness. The individual whose personnel embraces the character just mentioned is Rev. Henry Nesbit Newsom, pastor of Emanuel A. M. E. church. We would not have it appear that we lavish these expressions of praise and thanks as any remuneration for exercising the duties of your high and dignified office, but simply to demonstrate our gratitude and publicly manifest your good wisdom and goodly judgment in appointing to us as our pastor the important man of the hour. Judging from our past record, the critic, no doubt, has already decided that these statements are somewhat extreme and are only to meet the demands of the occasion. In reply we will quote the words of the immortal Frederick Douglass, "Judge us not as a race from the rock ribbed mountain of slavery from which we were hewn, or from the deep pit of prejudice from which we were extricated, but judge us from the dignified and important positions we occupy to-day among the civilized races of America." The same applies to Emanuel church, especially in this community, and to further evidence the truthfulness of our remarks, we will read the following:

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Rev. Sir, again we thank you and may you continue to raise fallen humanity, continue to establish the church of God, continue to lead your people on to perfection until they shall tower beyond the top of fame's lofty mount.

A SHOCKING SENSATION.

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collection will be taken up on the ground for the benefit of the players, and everyone should bring their purse along. Mrs. Mary Madison, of Fourteenth street, is on the sick list. Mrs. Malinda Hutchinson, of St. Louis, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. B. Johnson, 1208 Commerce avenue. David Pittman sends regards to Miss Ida M. Goode, of Henderson, Ky. Miss Mattie Ousley made a brief visit to her mother in Beechwood on the 10th Miss Carrie Calhoun is ill. Mrs. C. H. Newsom, of Chicago, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Bell, 1410 Walnut street. Miss Georgia Singleton, 313 Fourth street, sends regards to Carrie Fletcher, of Paducah. Mr. and Mrs. Graves, 315 Fourth street, are the parents of a 12-pound girl baby. Mrs. Lizzie Bates, 211 Eleventh street, is on the sick list. George Jackson came near meeting with a fatal accident by coming in contact with a live electric wire, on the 9th inst. Miss Mamie Dorsey is visiting in Paducah. Walter James, of St. Louis, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. W. Coal, 914 Poplar street. The public is requested to be at the corner of Fifteenth and Walnut street to-night, on the vacant lot, where the Pick a boo Bonnet club will give a strawberry supper and musical. Don't overlook this. There was 500 people on the street in 20 minutes Sunday evening, after Walter Futrell was killed. There was not standing room near the scene of the tragedy, and officers were kept busy to prevent the excited crowd from destroying property. Don't forget Mrs. Bradley's hair parlor at 234 Eighth street Charles Smith is "there" in the grocery business, at Fourteenth and Walnut streets. R. Taylor has converted his hall at Thirty-first and Commerce into dwellings. The new hall at Twenty-sixth and Poplar streets, will be opened soon. The Raglan club has issued invitations for their fifth annual ball, to take place on 20th inst., at the new hall Twenty-sixth and Poplar streets. The opening of the ice cream parlor of Mrs. Taylor was well attended. The Rough Riders gave a swell reception at Clancey's hall on the 9th. Much credit is due the managers for their efficient service. Music and refreshments were the features of the evening. There will be a special sermon at Central Baptist church Sunday night, by the pastor, subject, "The reason why I'm a Baptist." Miss Nora Blackwell is the guest of her sister, Mertle White, 210 Ninth street. Mr. and Mrs. Branch is mourning the death of their little son The remains were taken to Warren, Miss., for burial.

FUTRELL CITY NOTES.

W. M. and R. P. Futrell are mourning the death of their brother Walter, who was accidently shot last Sunday by Wm. Hunter.

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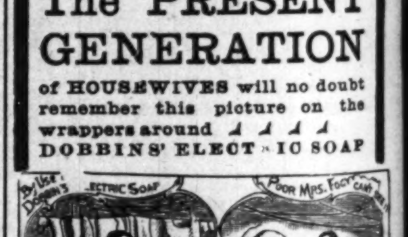

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BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS.—Baltimore Md, May 19-25.

P. G. LOWERY'S CONCERT BAND (4 Paw Sells Bros.' Circus)—Pottsville, Pa., May, 17; Wilkesbarre, 19; Scranton 20; Allentown, 21; Easton, 22; Elizabeth, N. J., 23; Jersey City, 24,

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The Hendersons have signed with the Sells and Davis circus and send regards to Goff Kennedy, Jno Dennis, Tom Logan, Pap West, the push with Forepaugh and Sells, B. F. Payne, Jerry Mills, Cissel, Mines & Bumpty and all friends in and out of the profession.

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Mr. James Osborne of the Georgia Minstrel Company, sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Mr Osborne is now a Canadian so to speak. He is a member of the ofay city band and orchestra, of Victoria, B. C. He also says he would return to show life again at the first good chance. All bands with good jobs please write. Address, Telegraph Hotel, B. C. Mr. Osborne would like to hear from James Lacy.

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Boston notes:—Clarence Powell was at the Howard last week. The Four Georgia Gems, lady quartette at the Bowdion Square, booked three weeks for Austin Stone. Banks and Banks are at the Howard. The Golden Gate Quartette are in the city and will open next week at the Howard. Madame Perkins will open May 12 George Wilson has just completed his magic cottage which is a wonder.

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Notes:—The Tennesseean Jubilee Singers are no longer connected with the Slayton Lyceum Bureau, but are under the exclusive management of Albert B. Johnson. The company as it stands is undoubtedly the best of its kind in existanee. It has followed the same path of companies of its kind and the consensus of opinion is, "The best that has ever been seen here." One of the greatest reasons for the success of the company is that it gives the public the kind of music it wants In speaking of their concert, The Sentinel, Milwaukee, Wis, says: "In their songs they displayed that sweetness and wierdness for which their race is noted, although without doubt, they are capable of rendering the most difficult classical music They gave only that kind that touches all humanity and makes the whole world kin. The simplicity of their songs invests them with a charm nothing overshadows. Their arrangement and singing of 'Suwanee River' alone was worth the price of admission. The fun caused by the ludicrousness and absurdities of Messrs Conley and Ware kept the audience laughing throughout the entertainment. It is impossible for cares the blues and such things to exist where the Tennesseeans are. It would not be inapt to call them 'human sunshine,' for they can dispel, for the time being, all the clouds that can gather in any ones life." The company is now in that part of Uncle Sam's dominion called the "Copper Country."

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Notes from A. G. Allen's New Orleans Minstrel:—We played Corinth Miss., to fair business. Mississippi has been a poor state for us this season. We have one more town in it, then Tennessee to follow. Our show is stronger now than ever before. Our first part opens with no one on the stage. After a few bugle calls the band played a march, one of Prof. G. B. Brooks, latest and all marched in. After a few choruses of a production by our stage manager Mr. Williams, Augustus Stevens sings, "Gabriella Brown;" J. Wise comedian sings, "I Can Stand for Your Color but Your Hair Won't Do," which pleases nightly. W. Arant sings "By By, Mr. Coon, By By, a ballad by C. Goins; Sank Simms; sings, "I Don't Like no Rough Head Gal. C. H. Williams sings, the "Phrenologist Coon" and the "Castle on the Nile." The act closes with the "Coon Misunderstanding which is the talk everywhere; then comes our hot olio, the Acme Quartette taking encore after encore; then the Wonder of the 20th Century, Augustus Stevins, female impersonator, in his skirt dance; Arant, Sims and Roberson in their knockabout song and dance. J. Wise in his famous monologue; the Big Four song and dance. (Arant, Roberson, Stevins and Mrs. P. Williams) and then our reliable, old man impersonator, C. H. Williams. E. C. Pittman sends regards to Prof. McCannon and Sam Johnson.

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Notes from the Famous Georgia Minstrels:—"We are still in existence doing as usual, good business. S. R. O. sign is frequently in use and we are giving the public and opera house managers an agreeable surprise all along the line. We have at last found a new get away from the first part to the olio in the production of a new and original barber shop quartette, the production of M. D. Housely, leader and director; the same being one of the greatest laughter making acts of the entire show, introduced always as the Mendelshons Quartette Burlesque. Then comes our entirely new addition, the famous Simon Bonomore Arabs, in an entirely new act of their kind, the best ever witnessed on the American stage. Mr. Cooper our ventriloquist is putting on a complete drill with his one legged walking and talking. Mr. Cooper astonished everybody with his wonderful walking figures and they proved an unbounded success. The entire company doffed their hats to Mr. Cooper for his perseverance. Another big hit with the show which is a puzzle to both the management and company is that of Kid Langford the now well known comedian. He leaves them screaming nightly and people are frequently following the show from stand to stand to stand through their eagerness to see Mr. Langford. Of course we do not say that both sexes do and we regret that we cannot mention which one of the sexes is following him. He and Oscar Cameron offered a liberal reward to any one being able to furnish the address of Chas. A. Hughes. The entire company send regards to Mr. Hughes and kindly ask him to keep one eye open for us.

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Notes from the Domino Theatre Fernando, Fla.:—One of the finest little vaudeville theatres in the south has just opened to a large business in Fernandino, Fla under the management of John Smith. It is really the most beautiful house of its kind in the south. It has all modern conveniences electrical effects, etc., is situated near the harbor and the audiences are all ofays, principally foreigners. The roster consists of Lew Peyton of the well known team of Peyton & Harris, stage manager; Harry Crosby of the team of the Crosbys is at present presiding at the piano. Misses Ida Larkins, Jessie Thomas, Mrs. Oma Crosby, Miss Hattie Harris, Messrs. Paul Simmons, Isaac Smith contortionist, and Geo. Johnson. They are using the whole company in the first part. Payton and Harris are getting their ovations nightly and winning for themselves the same renown they have gained throughout the entire south. Miss Jessie Thomas in clever male impersonations keeps them screaming with her rendition of popular songs. The dashing soubrette, Miss Ida Larkins has made herself so popular with her rendition of Miss Hanna From Savannah, that she is familiarly known by that title. Miss Oma Crosby holds the audience spellbound with her sweet rendition of "Mazy, My Dusky Daisy." The ghost walks promptly at Monday morning. We find Mr. Smith one of the best managers to work for. We all send regards to professional friends. First class performers write, especially Miss Lillian Garay.

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Philadelphia, Pa., notes:—Bob Cole, it is said, will present, "The Belle of Dixie," the coming season. Ernest Hogan is filling an exceedingly successful engagement at the Keith's Theatre this week. Stokes & Gibbs, Al Williams, Billy Taylor, Jube Johnson and the Norrisses are making a big hit in the big "Coontown 400." Mr. Chas. Sager who has been assisting Mr. Bob Cole in rearranging, for this week's engagement, the Goodall's "Coontown 400" is a gentleman of rare ability along that line. Mr. Rosamond Johnson was in the city but returned to New York City Sunday. Miller's Standard Quartette, consisting of Harry Miller, Jas. Chatman, Clarence Smith and J. W. Jones are with the Coontown 400. The Freeman Sisters have not lost any of any of their popularity here as was proven during their engagement at the Auditorium. Bob Cole has thoroughly convinced the people of Philadelphia of his ability to arrange and stage shows. He demonstrated that fact in the way he revised and improved the Coontown 400 within a few rehearsals.

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Notes from P. G. Lowery's Vaudeville with the Sells Bros. & 4 Paugh's circus: "We are playing to the largest business of any show of its kind and in Baltimore 9000 people were entertained by us. In Washington, D. C., the band gave a special band concert for Editor Cooper of the Colored American." Daniel E. Washington an his company stopped off in Washington, enroute to Chester Pa., to open with Pawnee Bill's Co. and was highly entertained by the vaudeville company. P. G. Lowery rendered a cornet solo by special request of Kid Alston for the company. Johny Jones, late of Martin's Uncle Tom's Cabin is a member of Lowery's band this season and is an earnest working musician. A. L. Prince expects to go to Europe this fall. Manager Connors is the most successful manager of colored organizations now before the public. We are all looking forward to the time when he shall be manager of our best winter shows. Mr. Cal. Towers, and old reliable ticket seller with the show, who gave the company a royal evening of pleasure and luxuries promises them another royal time when we show his home in Muskatine Iowa. Jack Watkins of the Four-in-hand quartette now with Lowery's concert band is meeting with great success singing, "A Mansion of Aching Hearts." Henry Lee, the only colored candy butcher with the big show was kept very busy in Baltimore and Washington. Everybody knows Henry Lee. Printus Oliver the principal comedian is proving to be a successful fun maker. His originality will make him famous. Miss Essie Williams sends regards to Ida Larkins and Hattie Blueford. Miss Grace Hoyt is fast becoming a favorite.

PORTERS AND WAITER'S DEPARNMENT

Under the management of Capt. Archie is what is known as the lightening bunch of cooks and waiters. They can put up the cook tents and dining room and prepare a meal for 350 in one hour and eight minutes. Bert Rogers is a very pleasant headwaiter and has a welcoming smile for every one when they enter the dining room. He met many of his old friends at Clarksburg, W. Va. Mr. Joe Scott and Wm. Baker have been on the sick list for the past week. Seymour Hayne is among the waiters and is a fast worker. Mr. Durham has taken charge of car, No 5, in Palmer Washington's place and is getting along nicely. Snug Fowler better known as the 'Ever good babe" has charge of car No. 6. Dennis Lowery and Johnie Steward always have a pleasant smile for every one and seem to take well among the ladies.

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Andrew A. Trible late of the Queen of Hayti company is in Indianapolis.

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J. Harry Jackson sends the following from New York City:—J. M. Moore's New Orleans Minstrels are the stellar attraction this week at the London Theatre, this week. The company contains the following well known persons: The Globe Comedy Four–Messrs Moore, Williams, White and DeLyons; the "Watermelon Trust"–Grundy & Coates assisted by Misses Ella Anderson, Lula Coates. Sue Grundy and Tenie Russell; Etta Hammond, Marie Bolden, Etta Minor, Midget Price, the Day Sisters, Pickaninny Hill, Chas. White and Johnson and Murray. They are booked to appear at the Olympic Theatre, next week.—Copes and Clark, the Ethiopian Duo made a big hit at Rutherford, N. J., May 9. They are appearing this week at Daly's Theatre, Brooklyn.—Ernest Hogan, Billy McClain and Mme. Cordelia, were on the bill of vaudeville last Sunday at Keith's theatre–all making a hit.—Johnson and Wells are producing their clever sketch at Proctor's 23rd Street Theatre, this week.—Murphy and Slater, singing and dancing comedians have returned to the city after successful engagements at Rochester, N. Y., and Detroit, Mich.—Chas. H. Moore, the popular proprietor of the famous Douglass Club, has been confined to his home for the past two week's with an attack of pneumonia. At this writing he is getting along nicely and is expected out on the street soon. Frazier and Peterson went big at the Alhambra Music Hall, last week; they were the first colored team to appear in that house.—Frank Clermont is now an attache of the Douglass Club. He is very busy at present arranging music for the clever singing comedian, Harry Brown who is booked to appear over the Keith circuit soon.—Miss Etta Minor, a coon song singer of much ability has signed with Larkins, "A Trip to the Jungle" company for the summer season.—Ernest Hogan heads the bill of high class vaudeville at Kieths, which is a distinction never before attained by a Negro performer at this house.—Fletcher and Crosby were at the London Theatre last week and were well received. Dudley and Kelley arrived in the city Sunday after a successful week's engagement at the Howard Theatre, Boston.—Hodges and Launchmere are in town.—Cole and Johnson, Harry Brown and Shepard N. Edmonds were the colored people on the bill at the New York Theatre Sunday.—Bob A. Kelly star comedian, the past season with the "Hottest Coon in Dixie," arrived in the city last week. Mr. Kelly reports an excellent season for the show. He will remain in the city a couple of weeks after which he will leave for Chicago where he is booked to appear in vaudeville.—The Bailey's, John and Rachel, have signed to appear with a white repertoire company for the summer afterwhich they will leave for Europe.—Billy and Cordelia McClain were at the Star Theatre Sunday night.—The Watermelon Trust, which is composed as follows, Sherman Coates, Frank Sutton, Ella Anderson, Lula Coates, Sue Grundy and Tenie Russell have closed with the Big Sensation company and are now appearing in vaudeville.

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SONGS AND SINGERS

In the Bennett-Moulton production of "Under Two Flags," the following numbers are being sung: Miller and Maxwell's, "Nobody Ever Brings Presents to Me." Remington & Gillespie's "Come Home to Dad;" Willie Wildwave's, "She's Kentucky's Fairest Daughter," and Norton & Casey's famous "Sing Me a Song of the South."

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Spencer Kelley. the well known ballad reader is booked for the entire summer over the principal park circuits and will sing Collins Davis' "June My June," Dillon Bros., "Why Did They Sell Killarney?" Billee Taylor's "You are My All in All," and Horwitz and Bowers, "Wont You Come Back to Me.'

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Among the musical numbers, featured during the Forepaugh and Sell's circus, at Madison Square Garden, New York may be mentioned the following: "Dolly Varden" selection by Julian Edwards "Bride Bells" waltzes, by Paul Rubens; "In a Cozy Corner," by J. W. Bratton; "Pretty Mollie Shannon" by Ryan and Wolf; "Hoity, Toity," a selection and "De Pullman Porters Ball" by John Stromberg.

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Huxtable & Stock, the popular young song illustrators report great success with Jas. Thornton's "Bridge of Sighs," Fay & Olliver's, "Place a Light to Guide Me Home" and Kennett & Udalls "Stay in Your own Back Yard."

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Master Willie Howard, the wonderful boy soprano is continuing his success and adding to his reputation; he is at present using W. R Anderson's, "Sadie Say You Wont Say Nay;" Norton & Casey's "Passion Flower," Kennett & Udall's "Stay in Your Own Back Yard, and Collin Davis, "June My June."

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Jas. Brachman, of the Harmony Four and also composer of "My Rose of Yesterday" has added two new compositions of his own to his repertoire. They are: "The Goldpiece and the Pennies" and "Love's Old Story Ever New.'

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Lydia Barry, the wellknown contralto is obliged to respond to encores nightly, for her rendition of Morrow & Herberts, "Three Last Seats for Smokers," and Miller & Maxwell's "Nobody Ever Brings Presents to Me."

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It looks very much as though John T. Kelley's latest effort, "I Can't Live Without You, Katie Reilly" will enjoy the sale and popularity that "Little Annie Rooney did some time ago.

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NEW ORLEANS, May 10.—Cotton quiet and steady. Sales, 2,150 bales. Ordinary, 8¼c; good ordinary, 8⅝c; low middling, 9⅛c; middling, 9½c; good middling, 9 13-16c; middling fair, 10⅜c. Receipts, 7,543 bales; stock, 173,791 bales.

New York, May 10.—Cotton—Spot closed easy; middling uplands, 9⅝c; middling gulf, 9⅞c. Sales, 1,700.

New Orleans, May 12.—Cotton futures quiet and steady; May, 9.26@9.27c; June, 9.26@9.27c; July, 9.36@9.37c; August, 8.85@8.86c; September, 8.37@8.38c; October, 8@8.01c; November, 7.88@7.90c; December, 7.88@7.90c.

New York, May 12.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet and steady; middling uplands, 9⅝c; middling gulf, 9⅞c. Sales, 1,800 bales.

New Orleans, May 13.—Cotton quiet. Sales, 400 bales. Ordinary, 8 1-16c; good ordinary, 8 9-16c; low middling, 8 15-16c; middling, 9 5-16c; good middling, 9⅝c; middling fair, 10 3-16c. Receipts, 1,526 bales; stock, 165,518 bales.

New York, May 13.—Spot cotton closed ⅛c lower; middling uplands, 9½c; middling gulf, 9¾c. Sales, 985 bales.

SPORT

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BREAKAWAY.

GANS KNOCKS OUT FRANK ERNE.

Fort Erie, Ont., May 12.—Joe Gans the Baltimore colored lightweight pugilist, is champion in his class after knocking at the door for the past ten years. Frank Erne lost to him in the first round to-night at Fort Erie.

The end came with startling suddenness. The men were scarcely warmed up when Gans, trying cautiously, Erne napping and landed a hard right on the ear, which appeared to jar Frank Badly. Erne sparred wildly and Gans sent out a left jab as a feeler. It went home through Erne's guard, drawing blood from his nose. Then Gans rushed in. Erne's defense was pitiably weak and Gans slapped his left to the face and his right to the point of the jaw. The blow completely settled Erne He sank slowly to the floor, fell on his back and was rolling over on his stomach when referee White had finished counting him out. The quick defeat astounded the thousands of Erne men at the ringside.

A crowd of Negroes proudly escorted Gans to his dressing room. "Of course said he, "I did not expect to win so quickly, but I believe the end would have been the same had the fight gone on farther." Hereford, Gan's manager said he would defend the light weight championship at lightweight limit.

Erne was broken hearted over the defeat. When led to his corner it took a minute to bring him back from dreamland and there were tears in his eyes when he realized his defeat. One of Erne's second's said: "Gans will have to fight him again for this was a fluke win if there ever was one."

'Yes" said Erne springing to his feet, "We can't let it go at that. He's got to give me the chance I gave him." He crossed the room unsteadily, looking for Gans, but the Negro and his crowd had left the ring.

The concensus of opinion by experts at the ring side was that the fight was altogether to short to successfully determine the superiority of either man with the small gloves.

At 8.30 when the preliminary was called there was scarcely a seat left in the house, which has a capacity of 5000. The first bout brought together Joe McMahon and Eddie Keeley, each 118 pounds, for an eight round bout. They fought a whirlwind of a round. Chief Griffin of the Fort Erie police, ordered the bout stopped in the fourth round. Referee Ed McBride declared it a draw.

There was much quiet betting on the main bout, several thousand dollars being placed with Erne a favorite at $100 to $90 and $100 to $80.

Hereford and Erne met after the fight Gan's manager promised Erne a return match in the near future, but said the meeting must take place in some other city.

Atlanta Deppens defeated Augusta three successive games last week and is billed for three with Macon this week. Large crowds have attended all their games.

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It is refreshing in these days, when the average literary man's "den" is characterized by ponderous rows of tomes which make the shelves fairly groan with the multitudinousness of their words, to get hold of a story that meets every requirement, and that is the very quintessence of all that is noblest and best in fiction, that can be easily read in one sitting.

It is for this very reason that we have special praise for the Hon. John Stephens Durham's "Diane, Priestess of Haiti" This complete novel is published in Lippincott's Monthly Magazine for April and is styled by the publisher as "A never-failing novel." Mr. Durham is a man of fine literary culture and varied experiences. His novel is one of great power and beauty. The episodes are thrilling, the scenes vivid, the characters active and interesting—and there is a charm in the strangeness of the theme dealt with. Mr. Durham does not waste words. The narrative is very carefully woven together and there are no weak spots in it. Diane and Alcide are creations worthy of our admiration. The womanhood of the whole Haitian people has been nobly dignified by this admirable portrayal of a young woman who, at first, appeals to us as an irresponsible creature, but who proves to be a splendid representative of the common people of the little black Republic of Haiti.

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"The Coast of Freedom," a romance of the adventurous times of the first self-made American, by Adele Marie Shaw; 466 pages, Doubleday, Page & company, 30 Union Square, New York.

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"The Black Cat Club," Negro humor and folk-lore, by James D. Corrothers; 264 pages, Funk & Wagnalls company, publishers, New York.

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"The Colonials," being a narrative of events chiefly connected with the siege and evacuation of the town of Boston, in New England, by Allen French; 504 pages, Doubleday, Page & company, New York.

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"The Leopard's Spots," by Thomas Dixon, Jr.; 465 pages, Doubleday, Page & company, New York.

This book teaches the odious and revolting lessons of hate and reprisal, of lawlessness and proscription, and it proves nothing. It justifies persecution, despotism and tyranny, when practiced by the whites over the blacks; and the entire very dramatic story as written is such a reckless, frothy and illogical manner as to prove unworthy of serious consideration. The author shows a lack of christian charity, of painstaking discrimination in the use of terms, and of honest conviction; and not in all his gloomy presentation of an exaggerated situation does he make one point that is convincing and that will stand the test of honest criticism. While from the title of the book and the introductory lines, the reader would get the idea that the Negro is the "leopard" and his characteristics the "spots," this notion is changed as he follows the author through a mess of vile and vindictive abuse of a confessedly weaker element of the body politic, and contemplates the description of his white characters; and he is ultimately convinced, if he reasons, that the white man is the real "leopard" and his tricks in politics the real "spots." There can be no doubt but that the cival war was attended with terrible tragedies—that the South suffered intense humiliation and great loss; but as terrible as were the tragedies and as deep as was the humiliation to the Southern whites, and as great as was their loss, who will say that the conflict was not a blessing to the entire country? If Rev. Dixson will be honest (and it becomes a preacher to be honest), he will say with us that the Negro has never shown himself as vile as have members of his own race according to his own portrayal. His two characters, Simon LeGree and Allen McLeod, were both "leopards;" and his Hon. Tim Shelby was an angel compared with either of them.

The only redeeming feature about the book is the fascinating love story with which it closes. This stroke, taken apart from what precedes it, is a masterpiece; but when associated with the other appears crude and is really spoiled.

CHARLES ALEXANDER.

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Rests in the Tomb.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.—Dr. William Masterson, the son of Rev. J. S. Masterson, of the Indiana conference, died on the 21st ult., at Madisonville, Ky., of typhoid pneumonia, at the age of 31 years. He was converted at the age of 16 years and was made a teacher in the Sunday school, and was elected superintendent of the school at the age of 17 years. He was secretary of the trustee and steward's board at the age of 18 years, and was faithful in the performance of all his christian obligations, and died a christian hero at his post. He lived a straightforward life and was beloved by all with whom he came in contact. Although he has passed to the beyond, he still lives in the hearts of all who knew him. Dr. Masterson was born in Chatham, Ontario, June 29, 1870, and received his first school instructions in the above named city, and graduated at Windsor, Ont., from a collegiate course in 1888 with honors In September of the same year he entered the Detroit College of Medicine and graduated in June, '92, with second honors in a class of eighty-three. He located in Ypsilanti, Mich., and begun the practice of medicine in June of the same year, where he remained for four years. In 1896 he went to Madisonville, Ky., where he built up a large practice, and as a physician and surgeon he stood in the front ranks; he remained there until his death. His remains were buried in Chatham, Ont, Rev. Henderson, of the A. M. E. church, officiating. Both his father and mother accompanied his remains to their last resting place Rev. and Mrs. Masterson have the sympathy of a host of friends

News of a General Character.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—Through some misunderstanding with the city authorities, the sparring contest at the boxing school was postponed from the 5th to the 8th inst. Robert Oakley left on the 12th for Decatur in the interest of the Mayflower ball. Mr. Watts will be pleased to meet all persons desiring to join his physical culture school. The wife of Rev Smith has been very ill for the past week. The Pink social given by the Culture club, was well attended. A musical concert, by the best talent of the city, including the star singer of Iowa, was given at Hibernian hall on the 2d inst. It was well attended. Miss Rhodes received a hearty encore, as did also the quartette. The entertainment was a financial success. The annual sermon of the K. of P. lodge was preached on the 4th at Union Baptist church, and that of she Samaritans at Zion Baptist church. Mr. Caldwell has returned to the Leland cafe. The K. of P. concert and ball, recently, was a swell affair and was largely attended. Call at Cass Williams' shining parlor and get a shine and The Freeman. C. C. Lee is one of our most thrifty business colored men, and is to be commend for his push Lewis Baker was in Indianapolis to visit his wife. Miss Laura Johnson is ill.

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A GREAT EDUCATOR'S DEMISE.

Prof. John M. Maxwell Exchanges a Cross for a Crown the 5th Inst.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—Prof. J. M. Maxwell is dead. He died May 5th at 1 a. m., after a few weeks' of severe illness of diabetes. Thus a brilliant, intellectual mind, a christian gentleman and useful citizen Louisville has lost. Prof. Maxwell was called to Louisville in 1872 to take charge of Central school, then located at Sixth and Kentucky streets, but declined. He was then again called and urged by both white and colored citizens to accept. The schools were then in their infancy, the highest salary paid at that time was $90 per month, and the 8th grade was the highest taught. From the first Prof. Maxwell became interested in the up-building of the school and urged higher education. Soon the School Board, through the efforts of Mr. Gavin Cochran, a friend of Prof. Maxwell, a higher grade was added, known then as the "A" grade, from which a large number of the present force of teachers were graduated. There was but one assistant with Prof. Maxwell as teacher. Soon Prof. Maxwell succeeded in having the board establish a High School department of two years with two assistants, and lastly it reached four years with nine professors. Prof. Maxwell was called to Frankfort in 1877 by State Superintendent Henderson and consulted as to organizing a State Teachers' Institute. The Institute was organized and he was elected the first president. The same year the Louisville Teachers' Institute was organized for the betterment of the teachers in the public schools of Louisville. Prof. Maxwell lived an exemplary christian life, and the influence of that life in the schools will ever live after him, as the scholarship of all those that have passed through his hands has been the best that the school has ever graduated. Prof. Maxwell was not what you might call an old man. His health commenced to fail him when he found that those for whom he had done so much had become false friends, and harrassed him. Though with it all, Christ like in his nature, he could not resent it. I have seen him failing for the past four years and have been with him much of the time, but in his last illness, being indisposed and cares at home, I could not be with him as I desired, but made inquiries daily of his condition. My eyes fell upon the following lines which seem fitting for this closing called "Life:"

Life is as narrow as a country lane,
As short and stormy as a winter day,
A stalk of swiftly-growing, ripening grain,
An autumn leaf that withers, blows away.
Long not to have what only time can bring,
String not your bow to shoot beyond the mark;
Leave not your eyes in pledge in mimic's spring,
Lest others have the light, you but the dark.

We live but once, and have been taught
That single life was dearly bought;
Consider well that all you spend
You shall account for in the end.

Prof. Maxwell was a faithful worker in behalf of the young men, and was a promoter of the Y. M. C. A. of this city and was its first president. These are but few of the things he did for Louisville. Those who did not know him well thought him selfish, which caused him to be misunderstood. Now that he is gone the good traits of the man will appear.

J. J. C. MCKINLEY.

Normal Notes.

Normal, Ala., Special.—Hon. E. W. Barrett, editor and proprietor of the Age-Herald, accompanied by his staff in his private car, paid us a visit last week inspecting our work. He was deeply impressed with our work. Dr. Mayo, who has been with us two weeks delivering a series of lecture, left for Washington last Sunday. At the close of the services the children of the school presented him a beautiful floral offering. United States District Judge Thomas G Jones, formerly governor of Alabama, with his private secretary, Mr. May, spent several hours with us last week. His speech to the teachers and students was a masterpiece in English and wholesome advice. Bishop Turner will address our graduating class on 27th inst. Dr E. C. Morris of Arkansas will deliver the commencement sermon on 25th inst, and Dr. R. H. Boyd of Nashville will deliver the annual address before the industrial class on 26th inst.

Tersely Told Topics.

Greenfield, Tenn., Special.—Mrs. M Edwards died here recently. L. L. Marks, of Savannah, Tenn., is in the city. Mr. Marks is in the laundry business. The lecture given at the A. M. E church by Rev. Carmer, of Florida, was very interesting. The attendance was not large owing to bad weather. The reception given at the school on 3d was an enjoyable affair. Prof. A. S Pyles, of Milan, Tenn., was in the city last week, and attended the reception. You will find The Freeman at the Commercial Hotel for sale by Rufus Berry, headwaiter.

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Of a General Character.

Dayton, O., Special.—The Independent Sisters of Dayton gave a grand reception at the home of Rev. Collins, 97 Wood street, on the 30th ult. An enjoyable time was had. J. Rhice has opened a cigar stand and shoe shining parlor at 212 S. Ludlow street. Charles Hall will leave soon for the East to spend the summer. Stop in and see Wm. White at the Mascott Club, 246 Baxter street. He has everything that one could wish. An entertainment was given at K. of P. hall on the 6th by Mrs. A. B. Robinson. It was a successful as well as an enjoyable affair.

Pointed Points.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Lonnie Dennis who has been preaching at the A. M. E Church has been rather successful while here. He preached his farewell sermon Monday night, and left for Lansing where he will assist Rev. G. R C. Collins. Ben Grayson of Battle Creek, spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Collins and Tom Taylor. Fount Lucas spent Sunday in the city. Miss Etta Gough left last week for Niles. Stokes Moman of Battle Creek, was in the city Sunday. Mrs. George Dent was called here last week by the illness of her father.

Personal and Society News.

Newport, Ark., Special.—Prof. J. H. Wright closed his school on the 25th ult. The young people had a swell ball on the 29th ult. Prof. C. W. Rodgers has closed his school at Weldon. Mrs. G. A. McEwen spent Sunday with relatives in Campbell. Prof. Edw. Cramign made the annual address for the K. of P. last Sunday. Mrs. L Anderson died of heart trouble recently. Arthur Epps and Miss Amanda Huff were married at the Morning Star Baptist church by Rev. Knowls, recently.

Spicy, Sparkling Splashes.

Brinkley, Ark, Special.—The Literary society was well attended on the 8th inst., at the C. M E church. Miss Mamie T. Mitchell, the organist of the Sabbath school, deserves much credit for her faithfulness. Prof. J. W. Brooks principal of the city schools, has made quite an improvement on his residence. Mr. Brown is remodeling his home. S. R. Cowan and two daughters, Misses K. C. and Viola, spent the 5th inst., in the city. Rev. Henderson, pastor of the A. M. E. church, Cherry Valley, was a recent visitor "within our gates." Rev. H. G. Montgomery, pastor of St. Paul church, attended the P. E. council at Mariana.

In Memory.

Atlanta, Ga, Special.—The funeral of Mr. Walter H. Landrum of this city was held at Friendship Baptist church, May 1, 1902. Mr. Landrum was a most exemplary man, and was deeply interested in every effort to uplift his race. He had a host of friends who attested their high esteem for him by numerous tributes to his memory.

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The Negroes of the South give evidence of encouraging progress by the census report of 1900. There are 1,500,000 Negro children in the Southern schools with 30,000 Negro teachers; their school property is worth $12 000,000, and their church property $37,000,000 Negroes paid taxes on 130,000 farms and plantations, the value of which was $325,000,000. They held personal property to the amount of $165,000,000. Since the war the Negro has raised for his own education the magficent sum of $10,000,000.

Miss Ella Dowell, a graduate of Morgan College, has sailed for Liberia where she goes to engage in missionary work under Bishop Hartzell of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She will teach in the college of West Africa at Monrovia of which Dr. A. P. Camphor is president. A host of friends here including the Lancet wish Miss Dowell abundant success in her far off field of labor.

Bishop Turner has erected on his large lot on Yonge street, a commodious and well arranged auditorium which he calls "Peoples Tabernacle." The building will seat easily 4,000 people and five thousand or more can be crowded in it. The bishop has erected this building for the benefit of the race that they may have some place to go for entertainment and amusement. This is a move in the right direction. We must project more such enterprises and more especially so in those sections of the country where the "peanut" gallery, separate street car and "jim crow" railroad arrangements are in evidence. It remains to be seen whether this investment is a paying one in the city of Atlanta The building is to be used for large gatherings such as for instance, general conferences, associations, commencement exercises, evangelistic meetings, camp meetings, educational conventions, religious and literary congresses, religious and political mass meetings and conventions, concerts and theaters, in fact, for all respectable purposes for which halls are used.

Shelbyville, Ind., is the only little city in the state of 8,000 inhabitants that has a colored fire department. Nothing has ever been said about it, but the city "dads" have the highest praise to say of their worthiness. The company was organized in 1884 with the following members: Frank Allen, captain; D. D Hunter, president and second captain; Albert Johnson, Joshua and Joseph Hill, Manuel Montgomery, Lon Dennis, Samuel and Joseph Robinson.

A Diplomatic Waitress.

"Jack" Maher, of the Pike Stock Company is very fond of eggs, and when the products of the industrious hen were soaring higher than Northern Pacific stock' he entered a certain popular priced restaurant and ordered some of them boiled. The waitress wished to inform him that the prices on eggs had been raised, and as a preliminry remarked:

"Do you want them very bad?"

"I rather think not," said Maher. "I should prefer mine fresh, if it's all the same to you."

The waitress attempted to explain and blundered the second time,

"I mean do you want them the worst way?" she queried.

Maher became angry. "Say, do you think I'm a barnstorming Hamlet or an antiquarian on hen fruit? What I want is some medium boiled eggs, and be quick about it."

The waitress fingered the table cloth and timidly remarked:

"If it's all the same, would'nt you rather have them poached?"

"Why?" asked Maher.

"Well, you see," responded the waitress, "eggs are so high and the dishes so unscrupulous that we find that it saves argument with our customers if the cook opens them in the kitchen."

Without a word Maher seized his hat and fled into the open air.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Rev. Bryant, pastor of the M E. church, preached the waiters' annual sermon at San Antonio, Tex, recently.

The editor cannot agree with Mr. J. J. Miles when he says "More headwaiters subscribe for the Hotel World than they do for The Freeman." Neither do we agree with him when he says the "Hotel World is no friend of the Negro waiter." To rhe contrary, we believe that the Hotel World has been more of a friend to the Negro waiter than the Negro waiter, as a whole, has been to himself.

Grand Social Entertainment.

Erie, Pa, Special.—On Thursday evening, the 1st inst., Mrs. Jane Franklin very enjoyably entertained at her home, 118 E. Tenth street. Those who were fortunate enough to be present had an exquisite time. Music and social chat ran high until about midnight when the party was invited to the large dining room, which was profusely decorated for the occasion. Among those present were: Misses Clara and Alice G. Williams, Minnie Franklin, Maude Vosborgh, Bessie Washington, M. House, Bertha M. Peck, Evelyne Simms, Eliza Pynts, Mrs. R. H. A. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Slon, Messrs. A. Drew, E. Gaitor, J. Cobb, J. D. McNary, Wm. Neal, D. W. Branicks, Percy Williams and N. C. Johns. Carl Lawrence, of Youngstown, O, is the guest of his mother on Third street. Mrs. H. R. Bacon left on the 5th inst., for her home in Youngstown, O.

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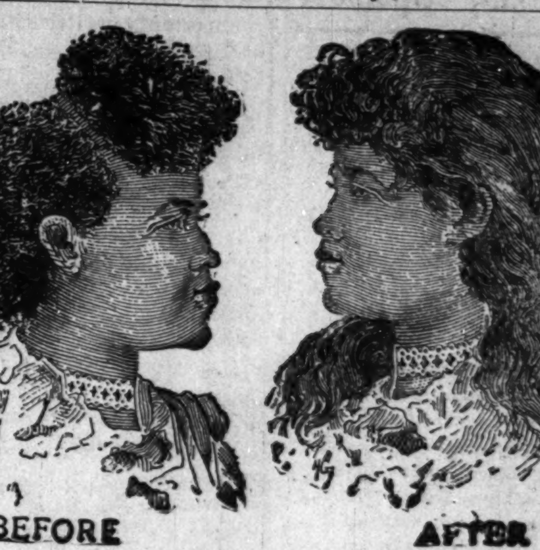

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..CITY NOTES..

Will Burden has gone to Marion, Ind.

Harry Esters was in Shelbyville, Ind. Sunday.

Chas. Parham of Cincinnati, Ohio, is in the city on business.

An apron carnival will be held next week at Bethel Church.

Mr. Booth, of New Orleans, La., is located here for a while.

Mrs. Ora Dunlop is visiting her mother in Noblesville, this week.

Thomas Turner has returned to Marion Ind., after a short visit.

Mr. Ezra Roberts will sing at Wayman Chaple Sunday evening.

Mrs. Alice Branham left last Saturday to join her husband in New York City.

Mrs. Annette Perkins has returned from a six week's visit to Quinnimont, W. Va.

Flanner Guild is temporarily closed because of smallpox in the neighborhood.

The Y. M. C. A. will meet at Wayman Chaple Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Special May offering at the 2nd Christian Church, to-morrow, 15th and Missouri streets.

J. W. Evans, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. will give a talk at Wayman Chaple Sunday evening.

There has been a club organized at Bethel A. M. E. church called, "The Young Ladies Club."

Mrs. James Henson and son and Mr. Russell White of Terre Haute are in the city this week.

Mesdames Anna Smith and Barbara Lonas, will leave for Louisville, to-morrow to visit relatives.

Dr. E. C. Ferguson of Macon knows how to use his tongue, but he might make better use of it.

Samuel Taylor died Friday last at his home 517 W. 10th street. He leaves a wife and two children.

At the Parker House: Rev. Anderson, Evansville, Ind.; R. G. Harris, W. H. Burden, Richmond Ind.

The Beethoven quartet will entertain the congregation at Simpson Chapel, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Mary Hinsley and Miss Anna Smith were in Shelbyville, Ind., Sunday, the guest of Mrs. Sarah Owens.

Corinthian Baptist church is rehearsing the cantata, "David, the Shepherd Boy," to be given in the near future.

H. C. Cook of Terre Haute, Ind., was a Sunday visitor. Mr. Cook is active in politics and a member of the K. P's.

Messrs. Chester Hammonds, H. B. Parker and Walter H. Burden of Richmond, Ind., spent Tuesday in the city with friends.

The Marion County district missionary society held its sessions at the Second Baptist church last Friday. Many societies reported.

The wife of Rev. R. D. Leonard, of Shelbyville was called to this city last week on account of her sister Mrs. Tabitha Alexander.

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Important news items will be received at The Freeman office. Telephone No. 2880 new.

The Woman's Club gave a musicale at Odd Fellows Hall, May 16 Solos by Frank Brown, Fred Anderson and addresses by W. T. B. Williamson and Gurley Brewer.

A "Fiesta" from May 25 to June 2, by the Fannie Jackson Coppin Missionary Society of St. Paul Temple. Bishop Grant and Mrs. M. A. Teister will take part.

Miss Dayse Walker and Mrs. Jennie Taylor will appear in the May festival to be given at Simpson Chapel.

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Hear W. D. Collins and John Evans of Wilberforce, Ohio, at the May festival, Simpson Chapel.

The Progressive Social club of ladies will attend in a theatre party Thursday afternoon, and at 5:30 will give a Dutch lunch at the residence of the Misses Gentry, 928 N. Missouri street.

Don't fail to hear Mrs. H. G. Gibson and Mrs. Kathryn Harper at the May festival, Simpson Chapel.

Mr. David W. Harvey, formerly of this city, now of Minneapolis, Minn., returned to his home in the latter city after a visit of several weeks here with relatives and friends.

The Beethoven quartet will render several selections at the May festival, May 21, at Simpson Chapel.

George Dawson won his suit against the street car company. He got a verdict for $500 for personal injury in the "bungaloo" demonstration last fall. Vincent G. Clifford acted as judge. Blair and Royal attorneys

Don't fail to see and hear Mrs. Gertrude Guthrie and Edward Crowdus, slight-of-hand, at the May festival.

Bethel church stewards report $500 raised this quarter. The church will hold an apron carnival next week. This church is rehearsing the cantata, "Saul, King of Israel," to be given at an early date.

The annual sermon of the Odd Fellows of the State was preached by the Rev. Farrell of Bethel church, Sunday afternoon last. A large audience listened to the impressive ceremonies. The Households of Ruth also attended, together with the juvenile societies.

George Dawson's $5000 suit against the street railway company went to trial in Judge McMaster's court last Monday. Dawson was injured at Fairview park last fall during the noted "bungaloo" disturbances.

Everbody is going to Bethany Park picnic of the A. M. E. churches, Tuesday June, 24th., 1902. General fare 50 cents. Children 35 cents. Committee on arrangements, Revs. R. F. Hurley, L. W. Ratliffe, R. R. Downs.

During Chapel Service at Butler College last Thursday, the faculty and students were delightfully entertained by a solo rendered by Mrs. Lucretia Knox. Mrs. Knox sang with her usual soul thrilling power and the sweetness of her voice won applause almost amounting to an ovation.

Mrs. Lavinia Sneed and Ezra Roberts will appear at the May festival to be held in Simpson Chapel May 21.

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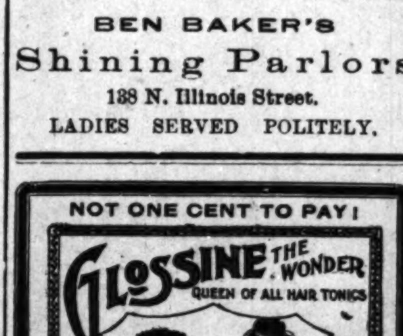

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